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1. DURING CALL BY EMBOFF, A SENIOR GOA OFFICIAL SAI, "NO ONE THINKS NOW ABOUT BUILDING A SECOND NUCLEAR POWER STATION IN AUSTRIA.". HE THUS CONFIRMED EARLIER PRESS REPORTS WHICH NOTED THAT THE REVISED TEN YEAR EXPANSION PROGRAM OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE AUSTRIAN ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY NO LONGER PROVIDED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT AS HAD THE PRECEEDING VERSION. THE DECISION TO POSTPONE (AT LEAST INDEFINITELY) CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITINAL NUCLEAR CAPACITY WAS ATTRIBUTED TO POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND TO REVISED DOWNWARD ESTIMATES OF POWER DEMAND OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. THE REVISED PLAN, BASED ON AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL GROWTH IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF 5.7PERCENT ANTICIPATES INSTALLATION DURING THE DECADE OF HYDROELECTRIC AND THERMAL PLANTS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 6,700 MW.

2. SOURCE ALSO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT, DESPITE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, AUSTRIA INTENDS TO ABIDE BY ITS CONTRACTS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM DESTINED FOR A SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT. AFTER CONVERSION IN GREAT BRITAIN AND ENRICHMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, IT IS INTENDED TO STORE THE NUCLEAR FUEL IN THE FRG. IF AUSTRIANS DO NOT LATER GO AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT, STORED

URANIUM MIGHT BE USED IN ZWENTENDORF PLANT.BORG

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